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Musician, Sports Festival Issues

A musician and a sports festival are the most recent subjects marked with commemoratives by the East Zone of Germany. The musician is Robert Schumann, the centenary of whose death was memorialized on July 20 with a set of two both of the same design.



A portrait of Schumann and several bars of his music make up the design. Denominations and colors are 10pf green and 20pf red. Kurt Eigler was the designer.

Production was by photogravure on watermarked paper (DDR and Posthorn) in a quantity of one million sets.

For the 2nd German Gymnastic and Sport Festival at Leipzig, four stamps were released July 25, each of which portrays a different sport in its design. According to Deutscher Buch-Export & Import GmbH, Leninstrasse 16, Leipzig C1, Germany, the designs are the work of Bruno Petersen.

Printing was by offset on watermarked paper (DDR and Posthorn).

Denominations, designs and colors are — 5pf dark green, soccer players; 10pf dark blue, javelin thrower; 15pf violet, girl hurdle racers; 20pf red, a gymnast on the rings.

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SAAR OLYMPIC SEMIPOSTALS. July 25 was the first day of issue for a pair of stamps Saar issued to publicize and raise funds for the Olympics. Both are of the same design. The 12fr plus 3fr is bronze and green and the 15fr plus 5fr is maroon and brown. The cover was sent by E. S. Anasir, P. O. Box 504, Sta. B, Montreal, Canada.

Historical Background Of The Establishment Of United Nations Postal Administration

In response to many requests, the United Nations Postal Administration, will issue, at intervals, throughout the year, feature press releases on subjects of interest to collectors of UN postage stamps. The first article deals with the establishment of the UN Postal Administration; the postal agreement between the United States and the United Nations, under which the UN Postal Administration operates; and the relations between the UN and the Universal Postal Union, culminating in the resolution adopted by the Congress of the Union in 1952, by which the validity of UN stamps as postage was recognized by the 93 member states of the UPU.

It was in 1946, when the UN had established its first and temporary Headquarters in the United States at Hunter College, New York, that the idea of the Organization engaging in postal activities was first considered at informal talks among UN officials. In 1947, the question was discussed at a meeting of the Coordination Committee, which had been established by the Economic and Social Council to coordinate activities between the UN and the specialized agencies.

During the same year, the Argentine delegation to the UN requested that the matter of a UN postal service be included in the agenda of the second session of the General Assembly, and submitted

a draft resolution on the subject.

On November 20, 1947 the General Assembly adopted a resolution asking the Secretary-General of the UN to make inquiries into the administrative, technical and financial implications of the organization of such a service, and to report to the third session.

At the third session of the General Assembly in 1948, a resolution approving in principle the idea of establishing a UN Postal Administration, and inviting the assistance of the Universal Postal Union in attaining this objective was adopted.

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The central subject of a mural will supply the design of the commemorative the United States Post Office Department will issue September 3, Labor Day 1956. The stamp itself is a tribute to Labor and Labor Day, and according to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield will be released at Camden, N.J. It is a 3-center in vertical format and of a rather stunning piece of artwork. As usual, collectors will have the opportunity of obtaining first day cancels on their prepared covers, and of getting it at face at their local post offices or the Philatelic Agency in Washington.

It will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimension, arranged vertically in a double outline frame, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of 50. The color will be blue. The printing of 120,000,000 stamps has been authorized.



The model was developed from the central subject of a mural designed by Lumen M. Winter, in the AFL-CIO headquarters building in Washington, D. C., depicting a man, a woman and a child. In the lower left corner is the inscription "Labor is Life — Carlyle"

Across the top, in a dark frame, is the wording "Labor Day" and across the bottom "U.S. Postage." The denomination "3c" is shown in the lower right portion of the stamp. All lettering is in white face Gothic.

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Collectors should bear in mind that this is a vertical stamp envelope should be addressed in the lower left corner, particularly when blocks of four are desired.

Labor Day is now generally observed on the first Monday in September throughout the United States and Possessions. It is a holiday in which all the public participates — store and business for the most part are closed, and the laboring man now has a day off with pay.

In 1882 the Knights of Labor held their general assembly in New York City during the month of September, and on the 5th, a great parade was organized by the Central Labor Union of that city. The next year a parade was held on the first Monday of September, and in 1884, on the resolution of George R. Lloyd, one of the Knights of Labor, it was decided that all future parades should be held on that day, and that the day should be known as Labor Day.

Workingmen's organizations all over the country then began an agitation to induce the various state legislatures to declare the day a legal holiday, and on March 15, 1887 Colorado enacted a law to that effect, and was followed by New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts.

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July 7th's first day of issue of Syria's long-promised airmail definitive high value (1, 2, 3 and 5 Pounds) also brought news of a further simplification of the knotty 1500 imperf bonus problem.

As explained in an earlier article in this series, the printing of 1500 imperf sets of all new Syrian stamps as postal employees' bonuses, which used to be in full-sized sheets of 50, was finally reduced to the printing of each value separately on miniature sheets of four of that value.

This has now been modified to provide that all four values of the new sets are to be printed on the same imperforate miniature sheet of four.

Delighted, is Bashir Muhaish, Officer-in-Charge of the Damascus G.P.O.'s Philatelic Section, who was personally responsible for the cutting out of the imperf sets from the earlier sheets of 50 as well as from the more recent sheets of four. Now Mr. Muhaish will not have to do any cutting at all but will merely hand out one miniature sheet per set of entitlement of each official.



booby trap for aerophilatelists? Insofar as the normal, perforated set is concerned, the answer is that they are a bona-fide and highly necessary supplement to current lower value air definitives. The reason is that Syria is rapidly becoming industrialized, and commerce is booming. As a member of the Arab neutral block, Syria does extensive trading, including a lot of heavy air parcel post traffic, with both the West and the Iron Curtain countries.

There has long been a need for some substitute for the great blocks of 65 and 75 plaster stamps plastered on air parcels. This is only the second time that Syria has met this situation through issue of a stamp as high as £5 (Lirat Suriyat 5, i.e. 5 Syrian Pounds or \$1.50 U.S.) in face value.

Now that Syria's federal union with Egypt is approaching, the Syro-Egyptian state, divided by many miles of water as well as by the intervening state of Jordan and the Israeli-occupied zone of Palestine, is going to have to rely increasingly on air communication for intra-state commerce, and this will necessitate even more of these high value airmails.

They are, therefore, in the opinion of the writer, "here to stay" and this will no doubt be reflected in all future Syrian airmail definitive issues.

Centenary Stamp To Be Issued

Postmaster General Davidson of Australia has announced that a 3½ pence commemorative of the centenary of responsible government in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania will be issued during September 1956.

The first parliaments under responsible government were opened on May 22, 1856 in New South Wales; on November 21, 1856 in Victoria; and on December 2, 1856 in Tasmania.

The design of the stamp, which will be of the same size and format as the 3½ pence Coaching Era, will comprise representations of the badges of the three States, the head of Queen Victoria, in whose reign responsible government was instituted, and the head of Queen Elizabeth.

The exact date of issue of the stamp will be determined and announced as soon as production is sufficiently advanced. It is intended that the stamp remain on sale at post offices for approximately one month.

UN To Introduce Bulls Eye Postmark

The United Nations Postal Administration announced that a new "bull's-eye" steel hand cancellation stamp will be put into use on August 13.

Those desiring first day cancellations of the new hand stamp may send in a reasonable number of self-addressed, unstamped envelopes to the UN Postal Administration, United Nations, New York, N. Y., together with sufficient remittance to cover the cost of return postage for each envelope.

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A \$1 for domestic use has the design and inscriptions in a milori blue on ultramarine colored paper. Its inscriptions are all in Chinese.

A \$1.50, for use to Hong Kong and Macao, has the stamp in red on ultramarine colored paper. Both imprinted stamps picture a four-engined plane aloft.

The latter has the UPU-inspired inscription in French and Chinese, "Aerogramme" and "Par Avion". Printing was at the Chinese Engraving and Printing Works at Taipei. Production was 200,000 of the Hong Kong-Macao item and 100,000 of the domestic.

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1. All lots to be sold to the highest bidder at a slight advance over the second highest bid.
2. Lots will be sent to successful bidders known to me, or who submitted references for immediate payment. Other bidders will be notified and their lots sent against full payment.
3. Lots on display at my office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

DESCRIPTION: Cat. numbers and prices are from Scott's 1956 Cat. All stamps are guaranteed genuine.

BID WITH CONFIDENCE. ANY LOT UNSATISFACTORY IS RETURNABLE

KEY: M-Mint; OG-Used; B-Block; C-Cover; NH-Never Hinged; B-Bottom; T-Top; L-Left; R-Right; SE-Straight Edge.

Lot #	Scott #	Description	Cat. or Retail Val.
1	1	1c 1847 Superb light cancel	Ret. 47.50
2	1	1c 1847 Fine used	Ret. 30.00
3	2	2c 1847 Superb, wide margins, bright red grid cancel, fault in U.R. corner	Ret. 65.00
4	17	12c Superb used "A Gem"	Ret. 37.50
5	17	12c Superb vivid red "Paint" cancel "Moby" Ala. unusual effect	Ret. 65.00
6	17	12c Horiz. Pair Superb light town cancel, vivid black shade	Ret. 100.00
7	184	3c F-VF OG fresh	Ret. 2.50
8	184	3c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 8.00
9	207	3c Bk. F-VF OG	Ret. 14.00
10	207	3c Bk. F-VF OG	Ret. 14.00
11	214	3c Bk. Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 25.00
12	221	3c B. Pl. Bk. of 6 VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 25.00
13	230-240	1c-50c VF-Sup. OG fresh R. 70.00	
14	230-240	1c-50c VF-Sup. OG NH "Gems"	Ret. 27.50
15	230-240	1c-50c F-VF OG fresh	Ret. 42.50
16	230-238	1c-15c G-F appear OG, thin or faults, some unused	Ret. 17.50
17	230-231	1c-2c Blks VF OG	Ret. 9.00
18	232	3c VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 4.00
19	232	3c VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 2.50
20	232	3c VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 17.00
21	232	3c VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 20.00
22	232	3c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 20.00
23	234	5c Bk. VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"	Ret. 18.50
24	235	8c VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 5.00
25	236	8c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 17.50
26	237	10c Bk. VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"	Ret. 42.50
27	237	10c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 37.50
28	239	30c Superb OG NH "A Gem"	Ret. 19.50
29	239	30c Superb OG but faults	Ret. 10.00
30	239	30c VF used faults	Ret. 5.00
31	239	30c VF used faults	Ret. 35.00
32	240	50c Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 30.00
33	241	1.00 Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 30.00
34	241	1.00 VF-Sup. OG rich color	Ret. 57.50
35	241	1.00 VF-Sup. OG rich color	Ret. 42.00
36	241	1.00 VF-Sup. OG repair in top margin	Ret. 25.00
37	242	42.00 F-VF OG fresh	Ret. 37.50
38	243	4.00 Fine OG fresh	Ret. 65.00
39	244	4.00 VF OG rich color "A Gem"	Ret. 110.00
40	244	4.00 Fine OG fresh	Ret. 75.00
41	245	5.00 Fine OG fresh	Ret. 80.00
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100	245	5.00 No. strip of 3 F-VF OG R. 15.00	

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	101	328-330	1c-50c VF OG fresh	Ret. 14.50
	102	328-330	1c-50c VF OG fresh	Ret. 10.00
	103	328	1c Bk. VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 10.00
	104	328	1c Bk. F-VF OG	Ret. 5.00
	105	328	1c Bk. Average OG	Ret. 2.50
	106	328	1c T. Pl. Bk. of 4 #3541 VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 17.50
136	★	328	1c 43 copies Average OG	Ret. 19.35
	107	329	2c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 10.00
137	★	329	2c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 7.00
138	★	329	2c Bk. VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 27.50
139	★	330	5c Superb OG NH Sheet margin copy "A Gem"	Ret. 80.00
140	★	330	5c Bk. VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"	Ret. 45.00
141	★	330	5c Bk. VF for this OG fresh	Ret. 100.00
142	★	330	5c B. Pl. Bk. of 4 Superb OG	Ret. 100.00
143	★	330	5c As above but T. Pl. Bk. (4) R.	Ret. 100.00
144	★	330	5c B. Pl. strip of 3 F-VF OG	Ret. 40.00
145	★	331-341	1c-50c VF-Sup. OG fresh	Ret. 47.50
146	★	331-341	1c-50c G-F OG 13c used	Ret. 26.00
147	★	340	15c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 17.50
148	★	340	15c B. Pl. Bk. (6) VF OG	Ret. 27.50
149	★	341	50c Fine OG rich color	Ret. 15.50
150	★	342	1c-5c Single Superb OG	Ret. 11.00
151	★	343	1c-5c VF-Sup. OG Ret.	8.00
152	★	343	1c-5c Horiz. Prs Sup. OG Ret.	2.00
153	★	343	1c Bk. VF OG	Ret. 9.00
154	★	344	4c Bk. VF OG	Ret. 11.00
155	★	344	4c Bk. VF OG (6) Superb OG	Ret. 48.50
156	★	344	4c Bk. VF OG (6) Superb OG	Ret. 50.00
157	★	344	4c Coll. Pair VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 13.75
158	★	345	5c Coll. Pair VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 12.50
159	★	345	5c Coll. Pair Superb OG	Ret. 27.50
160	★	345	5c Coll. Pair Superb OG	Ret. 5.00
161	★	345	5c Coll. Pair Superb OG	Ret. 4.00
162	★	345	5c Paste-up at L. VF OG	Ret. 3.50
163	★	345	5c Coll. Pair Superb OG	Ret. 18.50
66	★	367	2c Bk. Superb OG	Ret. 4.00
67	★	368	2c Imperf Superb OG	Ret. 3.00
68	★	368	2c Horiz. Pair Superb OG	Ret. 8.00
69	★	368	2c Bk. Superb OG	Ret. 16.00
70	★	368	2c Bk. 2mm Superb OG	Ret. 18.50
71	★	368	2c B. Arrow Bk. Superb OG	Ret. 19.50
72	★	369	2c Bluish Superb OG-NH "A Gem"	Ret. 28.50
73	★	369	2c Boardwalk Margins	Ret. 22.50
74	★	369	2c Bk. Superb OG NH	Ret. 90.00
75	★	369	2c U. L. Corner Bk. of 4 VF-Sup. OG NH "A Gem"	Ret. 105.00
76	★	369	2c U. R. corner Bk. of 4 VF-Sup. OG NH "A Gem"	Ret. 110.00
77	★	369	2c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 80.00
78	★	370	2c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 5.00
79	★	371	2c Imperf. Superb OG	Ret. 5.00
80	★	371	2c Horiz. pair Superb OG	Ret. 10.00
81	★	371	2c Center Line Bk. Superb OG	Ret. 20.00
82	★	371	2c Center Line Bk. Superb OG	Ret. 39.50
83	★	371	2c T. Pl. Bk. (6) Superb OG	Ret. 33.50
84	★	371	2c B. Pl. Bk. (6) VF OG	Ret. 24.75
85	★	371	2c B. Pl. Bk. (4) VF OG	Ret. 4.25
86	★	371	2c Imperf. Superb OG	Ret. 8.50
87	★	373	2c Bk. Superb OG	Ret. 17.00
88	★	373	2c Bk. Superb OG	Ret. 47.50
89	★	373	2c Center Line Bk. Superb OG	Ret. 34.50
90	★	373	2c B. Pl. Bk. (6) Sup. OG NH R.	Ret. 31.50
91	★	373	2c L. Pl. Bk. (6) Sup. OG NH R.	Ret. 31.50
92	★	373	2c L. Pl. Bk. (6) Sup. OG NH R.	Ret. 31.50
93	★	375	2c Bk. F-VF OG	Ret. 1.25
94	★	375	2c B. Pl. strip (3) F-VF OG Ret.	1.25
95	★	375	2c VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 1.25
96	★	375	2c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 4.50
97	★	377	4c B. Pl. Bk. (4) VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 6.50
98	★	378	5c Fine OG	Ret. 9.00
99	★	378	5c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 5.75
100	★	379	6c B. Pl. Strip (3) "No. Only"	Ret. 8.00
101	★	380	8c B. Pl. strip of 4 VF-Sup. OG star and No. "F-VF OG (Pl. Bk. of 4)	Ret. 75.00
102	★	384	2c Horiz. Pair Superb OG	Ret. 5.00
103	★	385	5c Bk. Superb OG	Ret. 10.00
104	★	397-400	1c-10c, 10c VF-Sup. OG "Gems"	Ret. 42.50
5	★	397-400	1c-10c F-VF OG fresh	Ret. 18.50
6	★	397	1c Bk. Superb OG NH	Ret. 5.50
7	★	397	1c Bk. VF OG	Ret. 4.00
8	★	397	1c B. Pl. Bk. of 4 VF-Sup. OG R.	Ret. 8.00
9	★	398	2c Bk. VF OG	Ret. 5.50
10	★	398	2c T. P. Bk. of 4 VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 4.00
11	★	399	5c VF-Sup. OG fresh	Ret. 8.00
12	★	399	5c Bk. Superb OG NH	Ret. 8.50
13	★	399	5c Bk. VF OG	Ret. 47.50
14	★	399	5c R. P. No. Single F-VF OG Ret.	33.50
15	★	399	5c Superb OG	Ret. 9.50
16	★	400	10c VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 16.50
17	★	400	10c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 13.50
18	★	400	10c R. Pl. Bk. of 4 VF-Sup. OG rich color heavily hinged	Ret. 68.50
19	★	400	10c L. Pl. Bk. of 4 #5143 VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"	Ret. 90.00
20	★	400	10c B. Pl. Block of 4 F-VF OG NH fresh	Ret. 60.00
21	★	400A	10c Orange VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 18.60
22	★	400A	10c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 70.00
23	★	400A	10c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 70.00
24	★	401	1c VF OG	Ret. 95.00
25	★	401	1c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 2.25
26	★	401	1c R. Pl. Bk. of 6 VF-Sup. OG rare	Ret. 10.00
27	★	401	1c VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 23.50
28	★	402	2c Perf. 10 Superb OG	Ret. 17.50
29	★	402	2c Perf. 10 VF OG	Ret. 13.50
30	★	402	2c F-VF OG	Ret. 9.50
31	★	402	2c Bk. Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 6.00
32	★	403	5c Superb OG	Ret. 55.00
33	★	403	5c VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 22.50
34	★	403	5c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 2.50
35	★	403	5c R. Pl. Single #5138 VF-Sup. OG rare	Ret. 30.00
36	★	404	10c Superb OG of VF OG rare R.	Ret. 125.00
37	★	404	10c VF OG fresh	Ret. 89.50
38	★	404	10c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 75.00
39	★	404	10c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 335.00
40	★	404	10c Bk. F-VF OG Very Fresh	Ret. 335.00
41	★	404	10c R. Pl. Bk. of 4 Superb OG	Ret. 335.00
42	★	414	8c R. Pl. Single VF OG	Ret. 450.00
43	★	415	8c B. Pl. Bk. of 8 VF-Sup. OG rare	Ret. 3.00
44	★	418	15c Pl. Single Superb OG	Ret. 22.50
45	★	419	20c Pl. Single Superb OG	Ret. 10.00
46	★	420	15c VF OG fresh	Ret. 14.50
47	★	421	50c Superb OG Fat Margins	Ret. 7.50
48	★	421	50c VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 50.00
49	★	421	50c VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"	Ret. 42.50
50	★	421	50c VF OG fresh	Ret. 32.50
51	★	421	50c Bk. Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 200.00
52	★	421	50c Bk. VF OG rare	Ret. 140.00
53	★	423	\$1.00 VF OG fresh	Ret. 28.50
54	★	424	\$1.00 Pl. No Single Superb OG	Ret. 45.00
55	★	424	1c Bk. Bk. F-VF OG	Ret. 8.00
56	★	424	1c T. R. Bk. of 4 VF OG	Ret. 8.55
57	★	424	1c sheet (100) F-VF OG	Ret. 30.50
58	★	426	3c Bk. Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 7.00
59	★	426	3c R. Pl. Bk. of 6 VF OG	Ret. 11.00
60	★	427	4c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 7.00
61	★	427	4c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 16.50
62	★	427	4c B. Pl. Bk. of 6 VF OG	Ret. 11.00
63	★	428	5c L. Pl. Bk. of 6 VF OG	Ret. 11.00
64	★	429	6c Bk. VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"	Ret. 10.00
65	★	429	6c T. Pl. Bk. of 6 # and Star off center but OG and fresh	Ret. 9.50
66	★	431	8c T. Pl. Bk. of 6 VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 17.50
67	★	431	8c B. Pl. Bk. of 6 VF-Sup. OG rare	Ret. 22.50
68	★	431	12c T. Pl. Bk. of 6 VF OG fresh R.	Ret. 15.00
69	★	435	20c B. Pl. Bk. of 6 VF OG	Ret. 15.00
70	★	435	20c Bk. VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 15.00
71	★	438	20c R. Pl. Bk. of 6 VF OG rare R.	Ret. 50.00
72	★	439	30c Superb OG fresh	Ret. 17.50
73	★	439	30c VF OG	Ret. 15.00
74	★	439	30c Bk. Pl. Bk. of 6 VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 125.00
75	★	440	50c VF-Sup. OG fat margins	Ret. 49.50
76	★	441-442	1c-2c Coil Pairs VF OG	Ret. 4.25
77	★	463B	5c Double Error in Bk. of 12, VF-VF OG rare	Ret. 140.00
78	★	463	5c Double Error in full sheet	Ret. 165.00
79	★	464	3c Fine OG NH	Ret. 4.00

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A Washington Dale Line

The newspaper, "Star & Herald" published in Panama, under date of June 13, carried a Washington date line of June-12 with an AP news item which read:

"The Post Office Department announced today it is acting to assist the Republic of Panama in making U. S. sales of the Republic's new Pope Pius postage stamp series."

Whoever in our Post Office Department, instigated the idea of helping Panama, float this issue of stamps should be ashamed of his act. It can not come under the head of neighborliness, for the main object behind this issue of stamps was not any idea of the Republic of Panama, but clearly one of outside interests who prevailed upon the Republic of Panama to use its good name to bilk stamp collectors out of a huge sum of money and any assistance given by our own Post Office Department is a shameful act.

Our post office officials should become familiar with the acts of a certain N. F. Seebeck whose activities which parallel this present activity of the promoters and the Panamanian government became a curse on philately which still stinks after over 60 years.

Philately has enough to do in watching the few shysters that from time to time try to mulct the philatelic public without having to fight off the stamp issuing governments of the world. Many of them are already indulging in stamp issuing which borders on racketeering and thus trying to tear down what has become the most fascinating hobby of the peoples of all countries, a hobby which could do more to make friendships among the peoples of the world than many of the projects for which our government has spent billions of dollars.

A world wide stamp collection of today can do more to acquaint its owner with the peoples, places and things of the world than a library of books, because the stamps have a fascinating appeal not found in books and thus lead the owner to a world wide understanding and interest.

Good Advice From A Dealer

The following item is clipped from the Stamp Wholesaler. It is such sound advice that we feel it deserves circulation much greater than it has already had. We thus take the liberty of reprinting it herewith.

HINGES ON RARITIES.

"Cheers to Tom Whitebread for his letter (page 88, June 10th Stamp Wholesaler) regarding the ridiculous mania for unhinged stamps!"

"For a couple of years now we have been following the policy of respectfully declining to fill all orders for U.S. stamps where unhinged material is demanded. If more dealers were to follow this policy, the belief that a hinged stamp is a damaged stamp would not continue to gnaw cancerously at the hobby."

"Basically, it is untrue that an unhinged stamp is 'worth more' than one that has been hinged—unless it be a 19th Century rarity or a block of \$5.00 Columbians. It is equally untrue that an unhinged collection sells more readily than a hinged one. And, as friend Whitebread points out, for almost a century the customary manner of mounting stamps was with hinges. To demand at this late date material be unhinged is not only impractical, but it supplies a marvelous incentive to some of our excellent technicians who are able to duplicate old gum so well."

"A few attempts on the part of dealers to steer their customers into proper collecting channels will have salutary effect for collectors and dealers. The misconceptions, the old wives' tales, the half truths and the rumors that are passed around among collectors, especially the juveniles, should be attacked at the source. It is better business in the long run to acquaint a customer with the facts than to charge him a dime more because a 3c Pony Express happens to be unhinged."

"And what are the facts? Those who visited FipeX, perhaps will recall that every exhibit—not just most of them—of stamps had the stamps themselves mounted with hinges. These stamps are the property of the world's greatest, most informed, and most advanced collectors. And, a hinge mark on the world's greatest rarities does not disturb them."

"Lastly, Rule 9 of the FipeX 'Regulations for Entering Exhibits,' states quite plainly: 'Because of the difficulty of examining stamps in transparent containers (mounts, pochettes, etc.) with the attending possibility of damaging stamps, the Directing Committee does not encourage the use of such container in exhibits.'

"So, the next time the customer rejects your otherwise superb stamps with the remark, 'I don't want them—they've been hinged,' you'll be doing yourself not quite as big a favor as you'll be doing him if you take the time to set him straight. A hinged stamp is not a damaged stamp."

"Herman Herst, Jr.
"Shrub Oak, N.Y."

For my own part I want to remark here, that out of the many different collections, I own, every stamp mounted in an album is mounted with a stamp hinge. I consider this the best and most attractive way to mount and display my stamps. Using a good hinge does no injury. There are many good hinges on the market. Try the different one if you wish, and learn for yourself. There is also a difference in how you moisten and stick your hinges to your stamp. Be careful and you will find the right way.

They Want To Know About Florida

Barely a week passes but what I have a letter of inquiry from some reader in the north who wants to know something about Florida. Many of them from people who state they are planning to retire and who want some advice as to what Florida offers. I try to reply to all these letters and during the past three years some of these people have stopped at our home during their exploration trip into the state. Over a year ago I told our readers about a new tourist attraction that was under process of development and even went so far as to recommend anyone with a little cash to spare, to take some stock in the project. That was sticking my neck out pretty far as anyone should know. Now this project has been completed and is in operation and if we can judge by its first month of operation it is going to be a virtual gold mine to those who followed my advice. Only a couple of weeks ago a stockholders' meeting was held and a gentleman from Minneapolis attended this during a visit to Florida. He was one of those who followed my advice and took stock. There were several others scattered all over the United States and I am happy to make this report to them, that they got in on the ground floor on a project that is going to be the equal of famous Silver Springs and Cypress Gardens, which are both located in central Florida and are two of the outstanding attractions for visitors.

SMILEATELICS . . . Bob Rieker



"I'd like to see some of your more expensive stamps on approval. I brought one of my friends along from the pool hall as a character reference!"

Mexico Releases New Stamp, Envelope

What could be the first stamp in a new definitive series of Mexico appeared in some Mexican post offices without any advance warning, advises Francis J. Cronan, Queretaro 211-5, Colonia Roma, Mexico 7, D.F.

It is a 70c purple with a portrait of Francisco Zarco, a denomination for the first class letter rate outside the Americas. Other necessary new denominations needed, and to be expected, are 45c, 90c and a 1.20 Peso airmail.

The actual first day of issue and that of a new stamped envelope which was found on sale a couple days after the stamp discovery, are unknown.

The envelope imprinted stamp is Scott type A189, a 30c brown red picturing a Mihoacan Indian Dance. It is intended for use within the Americas at the surface rate for 20 grams.

Other new postal stationery can be expected as the result of the increased postal rates effective last June 1.

Nicaraguan Ten For War Centenary

Sometime between September 10 and 15 will come the airmail part of a commemorative series which Nicaragua will issue to pay tribute to the First Centenary of the National War of 1856. There will be five airmails and five regulars.

The regulars are expected some sixty days after the initial lot according to J.H. Montenegro, P.O. Box 24, Masaya, Nicaragua.

Denominations, colors and designs of the airmails are — 30c carmine, portrait of Gen. Jose Dolores Estrada; 60c vermilion, Blow of Andres Castro; 1.50 Cordobas bronze green, portrait of Emmanuel Mongalo; 2.50C blue, Battle of Rivas; 10C yellow orange, portrait of Commodore Hiram Paulding.

When released the regulars are to be — 5c red brown, portrait of Gen. Maximo Jerez; 10c violet, portrait of Gen. Fernando Chamorro; 15c blue, Battle of San Jacinto; 25c magenta, Fire of Granada; 50c blue green, portrait of Gen. Jose Dolores Estrada.

Elmira Club Invites Collectors To Picnic

All collectors who can possibly attend are invited to the family picnic of the Elmira, N.Y. Stamp Club on Sunday September 9. It will be held at the Harris Youth Camp from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Attendees are asked to bring an article of food — the club will supply the beverages.

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Richmond, Ind. will note the 150th year of its founding.

Sunbury, Pa. until August 21 is publicizing the 200th anniversary of Fort Augusta.

Until September 22 Rutherford, N.J. will note its diamond jubilee with a slogan die.

Orange, N.J. is another sesqui-centennial celebrant, its slogan staying in use until November 30. A triple-city slogan marks the centennial of Atascosa County, Texas until October 6. Cities where it will be used are Poteet, Pleasanton and Jourdanton, Texas.

1956 STAMP PROGRAM

September 22—3c Nassau Hall, Princeton, N. J. (50 per pane, 120 million).

September 3—3c Labor Day, Camden, N. J. (50 per pane, 120 million).

September 24 — 3c Devils Tower, Devils Tower, Wyo. (send covers for first day service to Newcastle, Wyo., 50 per pane, 120 million).

ALREADY ISSUED

1032—Mount Vernon 1½c, Mt. Vernon, Va., February 22.

1038 — Woodrow Wilson 7c, Staunton, Va., January 10.

1040—Alamo 9c, San Antonio, Texas, June 14.

1041 — Independence Hall 10c, Philadelphia, Pa., July 4.

1042—Monticello 20c, Charlottesville, Va., April 13.

1047 — Hamilton \$5, Paterson, N. J., March 19.

1073—Ben Franklin 3c, Philadelphia, Pa. January 17.

1074—Booker T. Washington 3c, Booker Washington Birthplace, Va., April 5.

1075 — FIFEY 11c Souvenir Sheet, April 28, New York, N. Y.

1076 — FIFEY 3c, New York, N. Y., April 30.

1077 — Wild Turkey 3c, Fond du Lac, Wis., May 5.

1078 — Antelope 3c, Gunnison, Colo., June 22.

1079 — Pure Food Law 3c, Washington, D. C., June 27.

1080—3c Wheatland, Lancaster, Pa., August 5.

UC 24—FIFEY 6c airmail envelope, New York, N. Y., May 2.

UX 44—FIFEY 2c postal card, New York, N. Y., May 4.

UNITED NATIONS

October 24 — United Nations Day 3c and 8c.

December 10 — Human Rights Day, 3c and 8c.

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The 2c plus 3c has a white sailing ship against a blue background; 5c plus 3c, a black sprinter against a yellow background; 7c plus 5c, a Greek amphora on which are depicted runners—vase and text in reddish brown, with the athletes and denomination in black; 10c plus 5c hockey player, black figure against a gray background; 25c plus 8c waterpolo player in black against a green background.



cover, with the envelope provided, and a full set of the stamps thereon, costs 24c.



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That two of the stamps represent aquatic sports is not surprising in a country like the Netherlands. Although Netherlands yachtsmen are not as formidable as the legendary "Flying Dutchman", who with his phantom-ship cleft the waves of the oceans, they are by no means to be underrated, and they will no doubt try to get the better of their opponents in Australia.

Besides there is the Netherlands waterpolo team, which for a short time ranked foremost in Europe,

though it did not succeed in winning the Olympic Gold Medal in Helsinki. After that the trainer was faced by many problems, but the present rejuvenated team will certainly put up a good show in Melbourne.

It goes without saying that hockey, too, was to be the subject of one of the stamps. For many years hockey in the Netherlands has maintained itself at a very high level; only the Indian "wizards" always proved to be too strong for the Netherlands team. Notwithstanding its rejuvenation, the Netherlands national team showed in the past winter that it had lost none of its strength.

As for athletics the Netherlands will be represented only by a small group or not at all. It is only to revive the memory of a very near past that one of the stamps has been dedicated to this sport. As a matter of fact it is impossible to ignore the triumphs gained by the Netherlands in the London Wembley stadium in 1948 when phenomenal Fanny Blankers-Koen, "the flying housewife", won three olympic titles - 100 and 200 meters foot-race, and 80 meter hurdles — and played a decisive part in the fourth Netherlands victory, the four girl relay.

One of the most attractive stamps of 1955 was issued by France. It pictured a model wearing gloves and was intended to publicize the glove industry.

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Varieties of the Italian "Coin" definitives are beginning to show up. The 200 Lire value with the old winged-wheel watermark has been reported imperforate at right, while the 100L with the new star watermark has been found imperforate at left — a neat bit of re-reporting symmetry!

Most post-war Italian commemoratives have been available to the specialist in gutter pairs, but a number of the recent issues have been coming through with comment "Gutter pairs not known". They may turn up at some later date, or it may be that the Italian Ministry of Posts is distributing some of the stamps in single panes of 50 stamps instead of double panes of 100.

Meanwhile, the San Marino stamps are not alone in having "gone to the dogs" with the latest pictorial set — the Sammarinese non-existent air service appears to have gone in that direction also. Airmailed first-day covers of the "Dogs" set, postmarked June 8, reached this writer on July 10! Sea-mail would have been faster! Remember the Television set of 1954? It marked the opening of Italy's first television network. There were no commemorative stamps this time, but on May 28, Gargano, on lovely Lake Garda, played host to an all-European conference on Television problems. All the age-old pros and cons of the arts came into discussion.

And Pinocchio! The final celebration at Colodi was such as to delight the heart of any child, whether that child be six years old or sixty. President Gronchi made the speeches, but Pinocchio was there in person, and only we grim-hearted grown-ups need ever know that it was only little Lotita Del Ministro dressed up for the occasion, and not the little puppet come to life.

The coachman's wagon was there, labelled, just as was the original, "To Toy Town". On the coach were old Gepetto himself, evil Stromboli, the Sly Fox and the Bad Cat and, of course, Jiminy Cricket. Climax of the event — for the grown-ups, that is — was the unveiling of sculptor Emilio Greco's unconventional 18-foot bronze depiction of Pinocchio being led down the road of Good Behavior by the Blue Fairy.

Now take another look at your 1954 Pinocchio stamp! Finally, there is the story of the Italian collector who carefully seeks out and cherishes forged stamps. There are many such collectors in our own country, but this particular Italian is in a class by himself. Giuseppe Dosi, you see, was for years Chief of the Rome Branch of the International Police!

Another Pair In Chile's New Airmails

Additional airmails in Chile's new definitive series for this form of mail transportation were released on July 25. They are a \$1 lake, picturing a cargo plane in flight, and a \$50 rose, with a two-engined passenger plane flying past a control tower.



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In the July 9 column I pictured three varieties of the current postal card with imprinted 2c stamp having a portrait of Benjamin Franklin. This simple, well circulated item, which should certainly be known to everyone who has the least interest in our hobby, was the inspiration for a little fishing expedition.

I have often been told that readers like the two questions about U.S. stamps which appear near the beginning of this column each week, and the answers which come at its conclusion.

They are included primarily to help readers become better acquainted with the designs and the background of our stamps, and thereby get some of the education from our hobby which it is reputed to make available.

I held off until the July 30, to insert the question about which men had appeared in the design of postal card stamps. In the answer it was stated that Franklin and Webster never had, which, of course is incorrect because Franklin is seen on the current one.

The many cards and notes which have come in since, about this incorrect answer, tell me what I was fishing for in the first place. I wondered whether anyone double-checked the questions and answers, or just read and forgot about them.

The aforesaid mail which has come in connection with this planted "boo-boo", encourages me to believe that a great many of you are not only reading the weekly questions and answers but are also alert philatelists in the bargain.

Many thanks.

- 1. Susan B. Anthony's portrait is seen on a 1936 commem and the 50c of the Liberty Series. What does the "B." in her name stand for?
- 2. Robert E. Lee is seen on several stamps. What does the "E." in his name stand for?

A stamp club officer who has been on the committee which handles the orders for cacheted envelopes his society produces for their annual exhibitions, has formed some definite ideas of how collectors should place orders.

The sending of coins through the mail is one. Sending any sizeable sum is generally deplored, but small sums which will not give the sender a serious financial setback can be mailed.

One method is to affix the coins in a row to the letter sheet, with clear Scotch tape covering about half of their surface. They do stay firmly attached, and can easily be removed.

Another way is to employ an envelope, a used one in good condition is suitable. Cut off the one end to a proper width line up the coins inside, and then attach this small pouch to the letter with tape. It is easily ripped off and the money accounted for.

Coins which the sender surrounds with gobs of cardboard, gummed tape and wrapping are a waste of time for both receiver and sender. It is a devil of a time to remove the contents from such a mess.

It is also not necessary to write long letters about your request for service. Keep your statements brief and don't ask for anything which is not offered in the announcement. The interested parties are not equipped to give attention to "crazy" requests.

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As your stamp orders and/or covers are delivered, you can cross them off in your memo book and you always know what is yet due you and when.

Something along the same lines, a philatelic notebook, that is, might be kept by those interested in certain countries or specialties. When news of a new stamp appears a note of this should be written. Generally, if it sells for just a small amount, one will want to wait until he has a large enough order to make it worthwhile to place it in a dealer's hands.

One substitute for this — and I use it all the time — is to select a reliable dealer in the interests you have, and then give him a standing order that whenever a new issue comes out from such and such countries to put back what you will need, and then when the accumulated material is valuable enough for mailing to do so along with the bill.

That way of doing things takes the responsibility right off your shoulders of "keeping track", and assures you your wants whether the items later become scarce or not. It also tends to have the dealer consider you as one of his better steady customers, an attitude beneficial to both.

Some months ago it was expected that the Salmon of the Wildlife trio would have its first day of issue on August 8 during Seattle, Washington's annual sea fair. What caused the change is not known, but rumors have it that the fair executives were not willing to make a big to-do about its release.

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Third, how much time does it consume? Fourth, what is the frequency of the new issue output and how regularly do they come out? Fifth, how difficult or easy is it to obtain plate blocks in selected condition worthy of a collection? And finally, what is the best way to house them?

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In the first item, when the beginner can obtain reliable information as to the cost to maintain a plate number collection, he is then in a good position to determine whether to collect plate numbers in singles, or blocks, or both, whether to collect these in one or more plate blocks for each issue, or one or more plate numbers, in matched positions, or to the advanced degree of collecting all numbers in all positions.

Another decision which should be considered is whether to confine yourself to commemoratives alone, this being the most popular of plate number collections, or include, in addition, the airmails, or if you are able to extend yourself beyond this to the inclusion of the regular issue series.

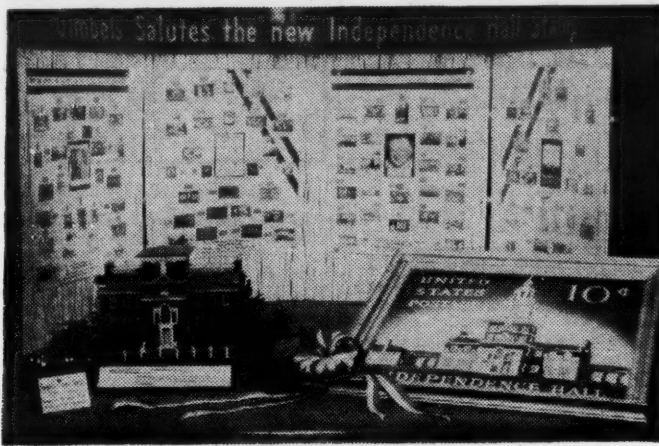
The difference between the various types of stamps is great, but easily explained. So far as the plate block collector is concerned, the commemorative issues bear only a few plate numbers which are not difficult to obtain, ranging in number from a minimum of two, to a maximum of six, rarely more than that, and of late most issues have had only four plate numbers.

On the regular issues, in the first place each stamp is in service for many years and bears many plate numbers, and far more difficult to obtain, especially in all positions. As in the regular issues, the same thing applies to airmails (unless they are commemorative airmails). The other difference between commemoratives and other postage stamps is that most of these are of the 3c denomination, or the one ounce rate for first class postage, which is presently still 3c. Few, and far between, are the commemoratives with other than 3c denominations.

In the regular issues the denominations range from 1/2c to \$5, and in the airmails, 4c to 80c. This fact, plus the above mentioned condition of these issues being in service for many years, sharply limits the number of plate block collectors to fields other than the commemoratives.

As plate block collectors, for the most part, collect the commemoratives, what does it cost to maintain it on a yearly, monthly and weekly basis? Studying the output of commemoratives in past years can help shed some light on cost and maintenance. Looking into the past can help to guide you for the future.

Once you have determined the average yearly output you can then make decisions governed by your budget what you wish and are able to spend, and also decide whether or not you are able, if willing, to collect the plate blocks of past years besides those that will come out in the future. In other words, the greater your pleasure and desire in collecting plate blocks, the further back you may want to go to increase the size of your collection while keeping up with the new ones.



PHILADELPHIA EYE-CATCHER. This display was offered for public viewing in one of the windows of Gimbels Philadelphia store at the time the 10c Independence Hall of the Liberty Series was released there July 4. It was prepared by the stamp and coin department. Besides the interesting display of United States issues on the four panels in the background is the model of Independence Hall before the wings and cupola were added, in the left foreground.

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They will be mailed with a commemorative stamp from New Haven. The engine will be named the "Dan'l Webster" and will make 1 1/2 runs between Boston and New York daily.

British Commems For Scout Jamboree

England's postal administration has definitely committed itself to the release of three commemoratives in 1957 which will mark the World Jubilee Jamboree to be held in England next year.

This grand affair will be in honor of the founder of the Scout Movement, Lord Baden-Powell.

Denominations are to be 2 1/2d, 4d and 1/3.

Harry D. Thorsen, Jr., president of the Scouts on Stamps Society, advises that the English stamps will be approximately the size of the large U.S. commems.

Twenty-five other nations are expected to issue stamps for the Jamboree.



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Aug. 28—Leonard T. Salmon, 18 E. Mt. Pleasant Ave., Livingston, N. J. U. S., General, British Colonials, Collections.

Aug. 28—S. Pinchot, 929 Park Ave., New York 28, N. Y. United States early commems, airmails, plate blocks.

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Sept. 11—13—Harmer, Rooke & Co., 560 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y. United States, British Empire, General.

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An enterprising Palestinian refugee from Jerusalem, now living in the Gaza Strip, has been making both ends meet by making up attractive "Palestine" airmail overprint covers, including one error on each, and mailing them through regular postal channels to a brother refugee in Beirut, Lebanon for sale on the stamp market.

The Gaza strip is, of course, that thin ribbon of southwestern Palestine coastland centering around the ancient Philistine port of Gaza, adjacent to Egypt's Sinai peninsula, which has been administered by the Egyptian army since the Palestine war of 1948. Formerly a sparsely

settled zone and rather barren, it is now crammed full of refugees, numbering close to a quarter of a million souls, from nearby parts of Palestine which are at present occupied by Israeli forces.

It is the only part of Palestine which still uses its own definitive stamps and has its own (nominal) government and army.

Although its "All-Palestine National Government", of absentee-President His Eminence the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem (Haj Amin al-Hoseini), is largely non-operative, due to the fact that it is almost entirely without resources, and its citizens are mostly dependent on near-subsistence UNRWA rations for mere survival, the army and postal service, being Egyptian-administered, are efficiently-run realities.

There is little internal mail in the tiny, crowded "Strip", but the refugees maintain a desultory correspondence, limited by the difficulty of finding even "pin money" for the purchase of postage stamps, with their scattered families and friends in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

A few business houses in Gaza

City exchange commercial mail with Cairo, and the few philatelists whose hobby has managed to survive in refugee tents exchange their "Palestine" overprinted stamps with fellow collectors in the outside world.

A few Cairo stamp firms occasionally mail out philatelic covers, and radio listeners often scrape together the tiny 5 mills fee to mail their request program forms to Beirut and Cairo radio stations.

The writer, who has since 1950 secured an occasional rare cover from all the sources named above, has never been able to establish contact with a collector in the "Strip" in spite of assiduous efforts through refugee friends and friends in the Egyptian military administration there.

It is for the above reasons that "Palestine" covers of any description have been extremely hard to get since 1948.

Realizing this, a refugee in the "Strip" applied for a loan from a school-day collector friend, one of the few who has been able to re-settle and get a good job in over-



ILLUSTRATION No. 1—An October 1955 cover from the Gaza Strip of Palestine showing late use of barred Faroukian airmails, including "Palestine" overprint error on the 2 mills.

populated Lebanon, which, in addition to housing over 100,000 refugees, has its own unemployment problem. With this loan he purchased sheets of the lower value airmails, and was fortunate in getting a few errors.

These stamps he made up into regular registered airmail covers to his friend in Beirut, affixing to all of them the correct amount of postage and registry (40 mills) and using at least one error on each cover, as far as available.

By selling them on the stamp market, the Beirut addressee soon recouped his loan and accumulated credit for transfer to Gaza. By keeping up this process on a regular basis, the refugee in Gaza has been able to pay premiums for new supplies of the now scarce mint errors and to lay in quite a large stock of ordinary mint sheets.

He is now solvent and making a comfortable living for himself and his family through his philatelic ingenuity and even able to continue

his hobby as an active general collector again.

The writer has been able to secure a few of these interesting Gaza Strip Palestine covers with genuinely-used errors, two of which are illustrated showing how the refugee philatelist has kept up with the times by industriously securing the new errors as they appeared and using them with new current ordinary definitives purchased at face.

Cover #1 is postmarked "Gaza el-Gidida" ("New Gaza") on 9 Oct. 1955, and shows late use of the tail end of Faroukian bar-overprinted remainders. The piece de resistance, is, of course, the 2-mills barred stamp also overprinted "King of Egypt and the Sudan" in blue, with the black "Palestine" overprint inverted.

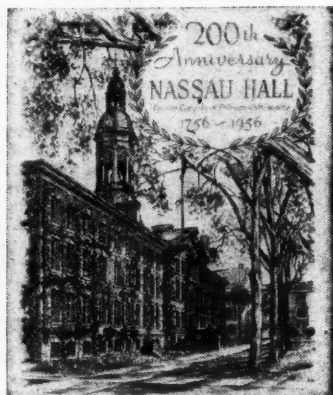
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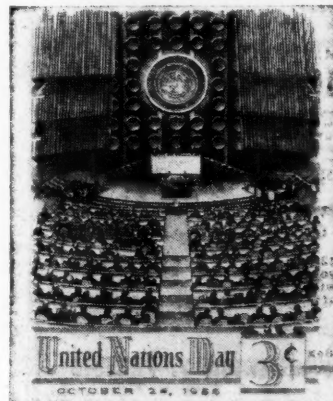
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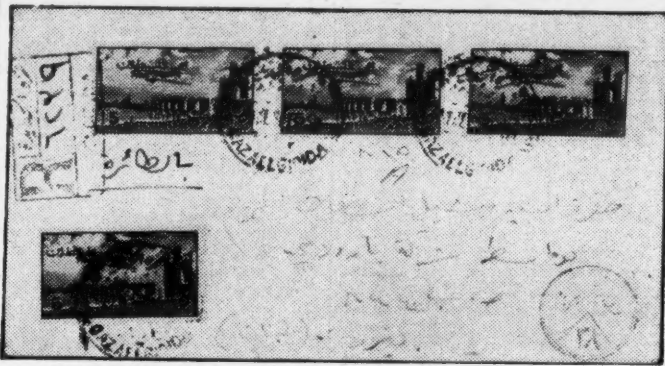


ILLUSTRATION No. 2—Current (July 1956) "Palestine" airmail overprints on cover, including a double "Palestine" on the 5 mills.

PALESTINE

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scarcest "Palestine" errors and commonly brings two Egyptian pounds (about \$5.60) on the M. E. stamp market.

The balance of the 40 mills fee is made up with 3, 5 and 10 mills barred stamps also with "K. of E. and S.", which are desirable items in themselves in used form, and an ordinary 20 mills barred Farouk, all having the normal "Palestine" o/p in the correct colors.

Beneath the "Gaza el-Gidida" postmark at the top is seen the Egyptian army censor's small circular (violet) seal, with the registry handstamp and Arabic number 1598 to left. The face of the cover is crossed in blue, a British registry device learned by the Palestinians during the mandate, but not followed by the other Arab countries in general.

On the reverse are "Aerodrome du Caire" (formerly "Farouk Airport") and Beirut Registry backstamps, dated 11 and 12 October, 1955 respectively, showing that the routing (normally less than an hour's flight straight to Beirut or via Jerusalem) had to be via Cairo due to the interdiction of flying over Israeli-occupied Palestine or its territorial waters.

The oblong (6 x 2 cm) black handstamp also found on the back is not, as commonly supposed, another censor mark, but the Beirut Registry Division's "1st Notice" record, with "1" and the date "12/10" written in indelible pencil. Should the addressee fail to respond to the notice after a week, the handstamp would be applied a

second time, the figure "2" and new date inserted in pencil, and a new notice mailed out.

Cover #2 is entirely made up of new Egyptian "Farouk-less" airmails overprinted "Palestine", in the denominations of 5 and 15 mills. One of the 5's shows double "Palestine" in black (upper right corner). It is similar in markings to the other cover save for a newer and larger, 25mm instead of 22mm (violet) censor's stamp with the censor's number "38" inserted in a little triangle at the bottom, and the lack of the blue cross British-style registry mark. Its postmarks are dated 1, 3, and 5 July, 1956, respectively.

The double "Palestine" error on this new definitive fetches around one Egyptian Pound (\$2.80) retail on M.E. stamp counters at present.

Although the writer's philatelic budget will only stand the acquisition of these two "Palestine" errors at present (and he will probably trade them for desirable Yemen material at some future time!) he observed the following errors on

others sent to Beirut for sale through a well-known wholesaler of that city:

- 1) Farouk airmail (barred) 3 mills: inverted "Palestine"
- 2) Farouk airmail (barred) 3 mills: double "Palestine"
- 3) Farouk airmail (barred) 3 mills: Palestine normal but with "King of Egypt and the Sudan" double additional overprint.
- 4) New airmail definitive 5 mills: inverted "Palestine"
- 5) New airmail definitive 15 mills: inverted "Palestine"
- 6) New airmail definitive 15 mills: double "Palestine"

The "ordinary" stamps used in conjunction with these errors included the barred Farouk "Palestine" airmails of 5, 7, 8, and 10 mills, and the 2 also o/p "K. of E. & S.", in addition to the current 5 and 15 mills definitives and an occasional barred Farouk ordinary postage value.

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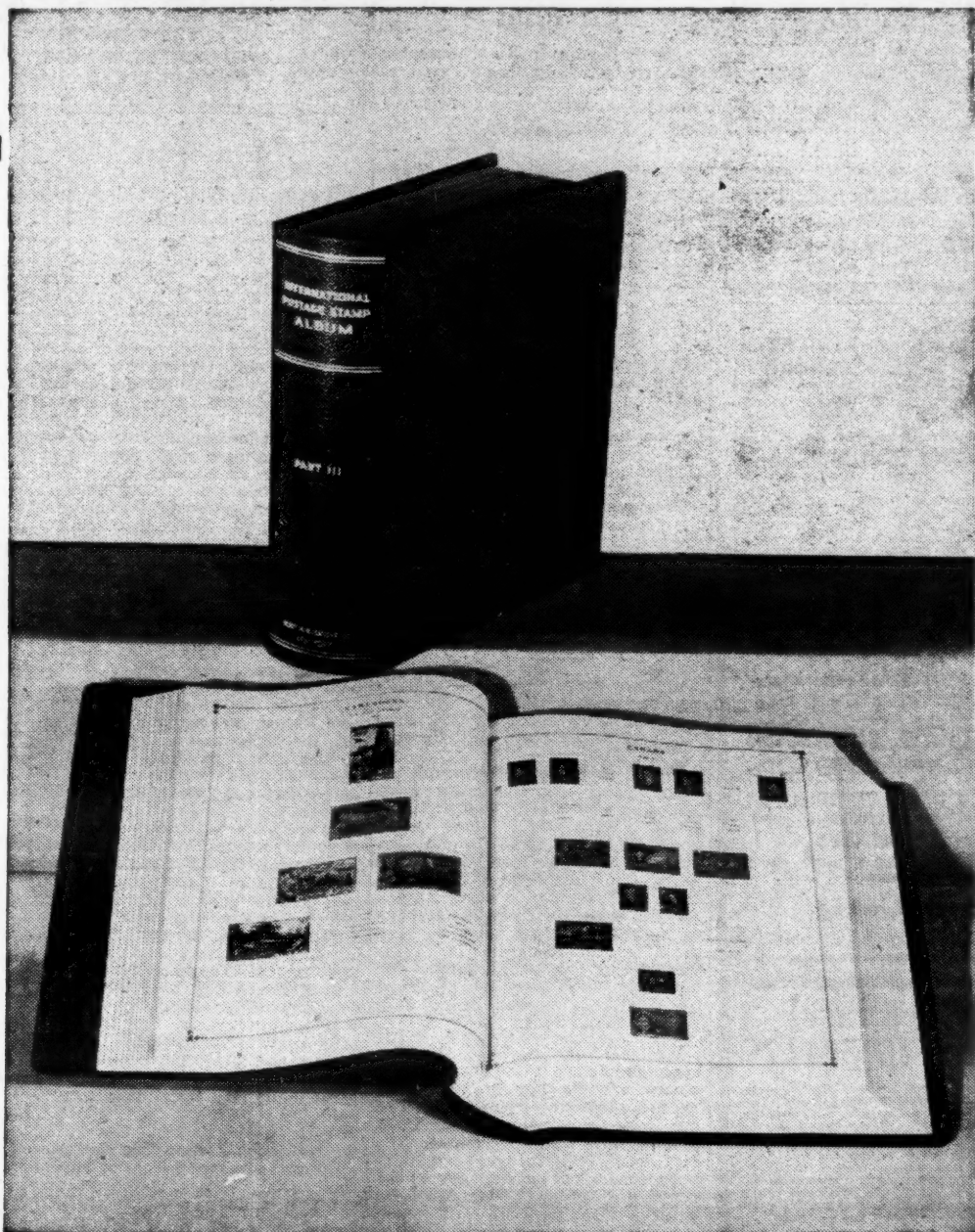
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Report On Current German Philately

The following news concerning German philately has been received by Roger J. Szymanski of Milwaukee, Wis.



A special 10 pfennigs green stamp was issued by West Germany on June 9 for the 1936 Olympic year. The design is dominated by the 10 pfennigs face value—the "1" digit reflects the Greek origin of the games, while the cipher symbolizes a sports stadium. The well-known five ring insignia of the games is also given prominent presentation in the design which was prepared by Hermann Bentele of the Merthesius school in Kiel, Germany.

The stamps were recess printed at the Federal Printing works in Berlin. Engraving was by Egon Falz. Twenty million were printed on white, watermarked (DBP) paper in sheets of 50. Sale will continue until November 30, 1956; they will be postally valid until December 31, 1957.

These West German commemoratives and special stamps have lost their postal validity: 10pf Gauss (Scott #725); 10pf Oscar von Miller (Scott #726); 40pf Friedrich von Schiller (Scott #727); 20pf 50 years of Motorized Postal Service; 7pf and 10pf special stamps for the 1955 Baden-Wuerttemberg regional exhibition; 20pf for the promotion of research. These invalid items can be exchanged for currently valid ones at all West German post offices from July through September.

West German postal authorities have announced that a semipostal stamp will be issued in October on the occasion of the 1956 "Tag der Briefmarke" (Day of the Postage Stamp). The face value will be 20pf plus 3pf. It had originally been scheduled for January 7, the birthday of Heinrich von Stephan, but was later postponed.

The art advisors to the Federal German postal administration have been ordered to consider the question of a special stamp on the occasion of the Saar territory's return to the Reich. Further details of this planned issue have not been revealed.

In Berlin itself on December 31, 1956 the following Berlin stamps will lose their postal validity—40pf Richard Strauss (Scott #9N111); 20pf August Borsig (Scott #9N112); 40pf Furtwaengler; 10 and 20pf Bundestag in Berlin; 25 plus 10pf Prussian fieldpost rider issue. The invalid stamps can be exchanged for currently valid Berlin adhesives at all Berlin post offices during January 1957. Concerning semipostals, credit is given only for the franking value and not the surtax.

Both values of the set issued by the East Zone of Germany on April 30 to commemorate the IX International Bicycle Race for Peace exist in two color shades. The 10pf is in gray and sap green, while the 20pf is in bright and dark red. The stamps were printed on watermarked (DDR) paper in sheets of 50.

Cincinnati Society Elects New Officers

The newly elected officers of the Philatelic Society of Cincinnati, Ohio are putting their best efforts into preparations for the Central States Federation of Stamp Clubs exhibition and convention which they will host.

The affair will be staged in the Hotel Sinton on September 29 and 30.

Heading the official family is Harrison Dunseth, president. Others are vice presidents Willard Mack and John Brustle; treasurer Leo Longinotti, secretary G. E. Gebhart, 3479 Morrison Pl., Cincinnati 20, Ohio.

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To wind up our story on British Guiana, let's take a glance at this colony's stamps. The demand for them has never been quite as strong as for British West Indian material because of the tremendous cost of the 19th century issues. Collectors generally like fields in which they can hope some day to reach a fair degree of completeness which is entirely out of the question as far as the earlier issues of British Guiana are concerned.

A really comprehensive collection, including a good showing of varieties, a few covers, etc. would cost a minimum of \$100,000 and that's not counting the famous and unique No. 13. Hence most collectors are satisfied to start with the Queen Victoria Jubilee issue of 1898, one of the world's earliest pictorial sets.

About Scott #152, the British Gibbons catalogue states, "The 1c was later retouched, the lines of shading on the mountain in the background being strengthened, and along the ridge distinct from each other, whereas, in the original, they are more or less blurred. In the retouched die the shading of the sky is less pronounced". So let's get out those magnifying glasses!

Imperforate between pairs exist of Scott #153 and 154. Gibbons lists three varieties of Scott #190 on yellow (1915), lemon (1916) and pale yellow (1921). All three are priced slightly higher used than mint, the best being the 1916 printing on lemon paper, worth about \$5 mint and \$5.50 used.

Two interesting and very late printings of the 1934 King George V pictorial issue are listed by Gibbons Scott #212, 3c perf 13 x 14 (1949); and #215, 12c perf 14 x 13 (1951). Neither variety is especially valuable, but specialists like to hunt for them.

British Guiana's King George VI set has been responsible for generating the most interest of any of this colony's issues, especially amongst collectors in Great Britain where the KGV specialists have long provided dealers with their bread and butter, fish and chips and tea and crumpets. The KGV booklet panes listed are selling for \$1 to \$2 per pane and are not particularly scarce.

But #232, the 4c in a pair, imperforate horizontally, is a great modern rarity and sells to the tune of \$250 provided that you can locate one!

Scott Nos. 234a and 239a are both excellent items and worth close to full catalogue. Another item worth looking for is the bright red brown shade of #241 which is worth close to \$5 in mint condition.

The current and deservedly popular Queen Elizabeth pictorials #253-267 give perhaps the most graphic picture of the country's principal industries, animals and tourist attractions of any of the colonies we have discussed so far in our alphabetical global tour of the British possessions.

The Australian Postmaster-General (Mr. Davidson) has announced that a 3 1/2-pence postage stamp commemorative of the centenary of responsible government in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania will be issued during September 1956.

The first parliaments under responsible government were opened on May 22, 1856, in New South Wales, on November 21, 1856, in Victoria and on December 2, 1856, in Tasmania.

The design which will be of the same size and format as the 3 1/2-pence Coaching Era, will comprise representations of the badges of the three States, the head of Queen Victoria, in whose reign responsible government was instituted, and the head of Queen Elizabeth the Second.

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Max Svabinsky was responsible for the designs. The engraving is the work of Jan Mracek.

Printing was from engraved plates at the Post Printing Office in Prague.

Argentina's Mint Anniversary Noted

July 28 was the release date for a 2 Pesos commemorative by Argentina for the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the National Mint in Buenos Aires.

For its central motif the stamp has a silver coin of 1881 in two positions. Flat, it has the dedicatory inscription; and upright, the reverse, the numeral of value and the word "Correios".

Printing amounted to 3,000,000 in a sepia color by photogravure.

Expected August 21, according to H.G. Spanton, 1484 Calle Bolivar, Buenos Aires, Argentina is the set to note the centenary of the first Argentine Postage Stamp. Values are expected to be 40c, \$2.40 and \$4.40.

Later in the year a stamp will be issued as Argentina's thanks to the nations of the world which came to the aid of its children during the polio epidemic. It will be a \$1 and be produced in a quantity of three million.

Two United Nations Commems Sold Out

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The Turkey and the Antelope, franked with their respective stamps, are still available and will be sent under cover at 25c each. Orders are also being taken for the King Salmon at the same price. This cover will be made direct, franked with the Salmon stamp, from the place of release on a mail yet to be announced. Order all three at once.

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stamp showing a sailor and a 60h
green stamp showing a sailor and
a dog were issued on July 8.**DENMARK.** The 50th anniver-
sary of the first heavier than air
craft flight by Christian Hansen
Ellehammer will be marked by
the issuance on September 12 of
a 30 ore red stamp. The plane
which was used is the central de-
sign.**GERMANY (West).** On July 21
two semipostal stamps were is-
sued. The first, a 7 plus 3pfg red-
dish-brown stamp shows a young
boy, a dove and symbolic symbols,
and the second, a 10 plus 5pfg
green shows a boy playing a re-
corder with sun flowers in the
background.**ICELAND.** For the 50th anniver-
sary of the Icelandic Telephone
and Telegraph a 2.30Kkr. stamp will
be issued on September 29.**INDONESIA.** A set of stamps for
the Red Cross comprising six val-
ues was issued on July 26. The
values are: 10c plus 10c; 15c plus
10c; 35c plus 15c; 50c plus 15c;
75c plus 25c; and 100c plus 25c.**KOREA.** Three airmail stamps
of the same design were issued on
July 20. The values are: 70 hwan,
110H, and 205H.**LIBERIA.** During October 1956,
a six-value set of stamps and a
miniature sheet will be issued for
the Olympic games to be held in
Melbourne, Australia.**NORTHERN MOROCCO.** A new
set of stamps is being prepared
for this new Morocco state which
is no longer a Protectorate. The
values in Spanish currency will be:
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10Pts., and 20Pts. for Special Del-
ivery.**SPAIN.** To commemorate the
20th anniversary of the National-
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Italy Issues Last Of A.P.D. Series

The programming of Italy's "service" stamps, replacing the old winged-wheel watermark with the new "filigrana stelle" proceeds at an uninterrupted pace. The last of the Authorized Parcel Delivery stamps, the 40L value, was placed on sale sometime early in May, and the 8L postage due is now in circulation, to supplement the 5L and 20L dues issued earlier, according to Pierson Ostrow, Burlington, Vt.



The 50c "Al Lavoro" with new watermark may well have a very short life, for it appears to be policy to replace the large vertical-format stamps with a uniform issue of the "Siracusana" type.



The 15L "Al Lavoro" stamp was replaced on May 3 with a gray-violet "coin" stamp, and a 1L gray black and 6L bright yellow are projected in the very near future. Each one will replace another "Al Lavoro" denomination.

Already announced are the high-value 500L and 1000L postage stamps. It is believed that the format will be the same as for the current 100 and 200L coin stamps, but that the design will be taken from Donatello's sculptured St. George, which now rests in the National Museum at Florence.

Differences On Vatican Reprints

An additional printing of some of the most used denominations has been made by the Vatican postal administration of the Popes of St. Peter's Basilica series. These were issued in 1953 and are listed in Scott Catalog as Nos. 159-61, and 164 the 5, 10, 12, and 35 Lire.

There are notable differences between the originals, advises William Wonneberger, Jr. of Stratford, Conn., who has described some points of difference as follows - 5L - Horizontal block perforation with movement from right to left instead of left to right. Large margin with inked green border instead of dry printing of green border. The center medallion is of a slightly different shade.

10L - Horizontal block perforation with movement from left to right instead of right to left. Other differences same as 5L.

12L - Same as for 10L with the printing of the design border in a different tone of red brown, the medallion a different shade of black.

35L - Horizontal block perf with movement from left to right instead of right to left. Design printed in a brighter shade of carmine and medallion in black instead of brownish black.

Good Sale Of 10c Independence Hall

Collectors gave a better than usual send-off to the Independence Hall design of the Liberty Series considering its face value of 10c. It made its debut at Philadelphia on July 4.

According to the Post Office Department the first day covers cancelled amounted to 220,930.

Stamps sold amounted to 428,703 for a value of \$42,870.30.

Beecher Speaker For Israel-Palestine Club

Sunday August 26 is the date of the next meeting of the Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society of Los Angeles, Calif. It will be held as usual in the Hillel Foundation on the University of California campus.

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About fifteen thousand were sold and are now on the expired licenses of the hunters, few of whom realize the philatelic value of that red deer-head stamp. The demand for used copies greatly exceeds the supply and Tennessee's first big game stamp is a premium item.

The 1957 edition is now being printed and will soon be on sale. It is somewhat larger than last year's adhesive and will be a dark green instead of red. There will be a serial control number across the bottom of the stamp in red.

As was the previous issue, this stamp was also designed by the well known artist-philatelist Worth Carnahan of Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Carnahan is currently at work designing a special Trout Stamp for next spring's fishing season. It will probably be brown and will picture either a Rainbow or a Brook Trout.

Stanley Beer Joins Minkus Publications

Jacques Minkus, of Minkus Publications, New York City, has announced an addition to the staff, Stanley Beer, his son-in-law, who will be his general administrative assistant.



Mr. Beer, a member of the Virginia bar, and a graduate of New York University and Washington and Lee Law School, has just completed a tour of duty with the United States Army. He has been a stamp collector for some time. The new staff member will spend considerable time in being grounded on the intricacies of the firm's operations, which includes, in addition to the publishing concern, stamp departments in twelve major department stores throughout the United States.

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Pages for stamps issued for the 50th anniversary of Rotary International are produced and stocked by Joseph V. Bush, 143 Garrett Ave., Chula Vista, Calif. These are punched for a standard three-ring binder.

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W.C. McClammy, 1109 Chestnut St., Wilmington, N.C. advises that he has a new price list of used Canadian stamps. Offerings begin with Scott No. 35 and continue to date including the airmails, special deliveries, dues and officials. Mr. McClammy also has packet collections both mounted and unmounted, and a fine stock of Cuban material.

A set of hingeless pages for the 10th Anniversary of the United Nations issues which appeared from a number of countries is announced by the Lindner Co., 72 S. Washington Ave., Bergenfield, N.J. The firm has the pages (they fit the standard three-ring loose-leaf binder, or their own) for many countries. Write for prices and samples.

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One of the pillars of middle east philately and a highly respected dealer died July 23 in his 65th year. He is Benjamin T. Baroody, of the stamp firm of the same name, P.O. Box 844, Beirut, Lebanon. He had many reliable contacts throughout the area. He held memberships in the APS and SPA. A son will carry on the business as previously.

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Seven Distinct Stamp Issues!

As is my habit, I was lying in bed one evening, listening to the midnight news summary which the BBC regularly broadcasts over one of its programmes. Listening that was, with half an ear, and reading a book at the same time.

Suddenly I dimly caught something which made me sit bolt upright—the announcer had spoken about special stamps in connection with Jersey, Ireland, Scotland... I could hardly believe my ears. Then he moved on to other affairs and let me wondering whether I had heard aright.

Never mind, I decided, tomorrow is another day, and it'll be in the papers. But that nagging thought would not let me rest, and I rang up the BBC and got through to their news section, which confirmed all I had heard. There were indeed to be special postage stamps for Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and single issues for Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man.

I will not pretend that I lost any sleep over the issue that night. But my final remembered thoughts were "They're storing a packet of trouble for themselves, and no mistake".

Next day I went to the House of Commons, and spoke to the member of parliament in response to whose question this surprising answer had been given. He was a nationalist Welsh M.P., and his sole interest had been with the principle of "Welsh stamps for Welsh people". The postmaster-general was dead set against pictorial stamps of any kind, he confirmed, and he had thought up this idea—for which he had obtained the consent of the Queen—apparently without very much thought of the principles involved.

So—with effect from early next year—we are to have our own stamps for Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man. A return to almost medieval conditions, one would say, or alternatively, the thin end of the wedge. Because I am certain it will not stop at the small scale of values initially allotted.

The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man will almost certainly want the same three stamps as their Scottish, Irish and Welsh brethren, in addition to which I consider it possible that a 2d stamp will very soon make its appearance in the six places mentioned. This rate covers printed matter and postcards, and is especially wanted by visitors to the pleasure resorts.

Whilst the islands of Jersey, Guernsey and Man each have about 50,000 inhabitants, the average tourist season brings something like half a million visitors to their shores, with the result that sales of picture postcards must be one of the chief activities.

Supply Difficulties

The number of problems which these regional stamp issues will bring in their trail is likely to be legion. To begin with, we have the question of coils for vending machines, and stamp booklets. Are the inhabitants of three countries going to have one kind of stamp sold in sheets from the post office, and another kind in their stamp booklets or stamp machines?

Then, what about postal stationery? The embossed devices now on British envelopes carry a portrait of the Queen within the central motif of the Tudor Rose, an English emblem even though the Tudors were originally of Welsh descent. Similarly the impressed stamps on postcards and lettercards may be subject to regional variations.

Next of course we can come to the regions themselves. There are a lot of geographical anomalies, for instance Monmouthshire. It is impossible to decide, and never has been satisfactorily worked out, whether that county is part of England or Wales. Perhaps the post office will know? If so, that is the first time the matter has been decided.

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I cannot escape the conviction that the entire scheme—welcome though it might be to philatelist or stamp dealer—was conceived principally from political motives. The Scottish, Welsh and Irish minorities tend to be vociferous, and no doubt the Postmaster General decided that the issue of local stamps might do something to satisfy their national aspirations without requiring notable amounts of money.

There is after all a certain parallel in the coinage. Scotland has its own banknotes, and one coin the shilling is minted in both English and Scottish versions.

The Channel Islands, too, have had their own copper and bronze coinage (expressed in "doubles") for many years. But Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man have hitherto conformed in all cases to the general British traditions.

Why have these regional stamps been introduced at this moment? Of course, in part it is still an open question. But there is little doubt that the Postmaster General, unwilling to grant the idea of pictorial low-value stamps any favor whatsoever, has decided to couple a policy for more interesting stamp issues to one of political expediency.

The present conservative government was elected in 1954, and its life would come to an end in 1958 or 1959. If these stamps are to be released in 1957, they will have become well established by the time a new general election is due, and it is hoped that this maneuver will bind the national minorities to the Tory party.

Queen And Symbol

It has not been clarified absolutely whether these new stamps are to be of the normal or commemorative size. However it would seem that the normal format was the one intended. Under these circumstances, the task of allying one dominant symbol to the Queen's head (which must remain as the compulsory and dominant feature) will be somewhat difficult, a difficulty aggravated by the fact that the name of the country of issue must not appear on the stamp.

Well, the national symbols (for those conversant with heraldic practice) are obvious choices—Ulster (Northern Ireland has its Red Hand, the Scots the Thistle, and the Welsh the Leek or the Daffodil.

For the smaller ones, the "Three Legs of Man" badge is easy for the Isle, but Jersey and Guernsey are Dukedoms under the Crown, and the Queen rules these last of Britain's erstwhile French possessions in her capacity as Duchess of Normandy. The entire group carries the badge of the Three Leopards, applied to all the islands alike.

I wonder what constitutional "finesse" obliged the announcement of separate issues for both Guernsey and Jersey. No doubt it will be clarified in the near future.

Special design committees are to be appointed by the Postmaster General to work out details of the stamps. I am told these are only in an advisory capacity, and that all designs, as has been the case generally since the war, will be vetted and approved by the committee of the Council of Industrial Design and other interested bodies.

However, the Council is distinctly perturbed, and has arranged for a question to be asked in the House of Commons, just to make quite sure of the fact that they will remain the ultimate authority.

De La Rue's Arrange Collection

Returned from "FIPEX", De La Rue's archivist, Leslie Newman, is again concentrating on the task of arranging the firm's archives, a lifetime job. He is going through upwards of 230 volumes of sales ledgers and invoices, methodically editing and removing their contents, and arranging the finds into albums.

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In the red collection, British Empire material is filed, whilst the green albums contain work done for other countries. The accumulation of essays, proofs, trials, and documents is fantastic in its extent, being added to almost every day.

When I visited the firm, the original stamp-size drawings of a new Colombia series, still unissued as I write, had been put into an envelope and stored in a safe, together with other material from the Sultanate of Zanzibar, Tristan da Cunha, and United Nations.

Showcases in the Museum itself are filled with the exhibits familiar to visitors to FIPEX, although I am told that instead of the letterpress exhibit dealing with the current Sudan pictorials, the firm is going to produce a special letterpress "stamp" with portrait of Thomas De La Rue. This, being a "house stamp", can be shown in even greater and more satisfactory detail than the exhibit displayed at FIPEX.

Other museum pieces are sets of historic (and very valuable) playing cards, banknotes, and a wide variety of the firm's manufactures in allied fields such as plastics and fountain pens. When rearrangement has been completed, it is hoped to be able to admit the public, and show them what the firm has been able to achieve.

Incidentally, I am now able to reveal that a book on De La Rue's connection with philately is now in preparation by the Royal Philatelic Society of London, who have been given free access to the company's archives. As it happens, it will be impossible to publish everything, for even after sixty or seventy years, certain items of correspondence are still political dynamite.

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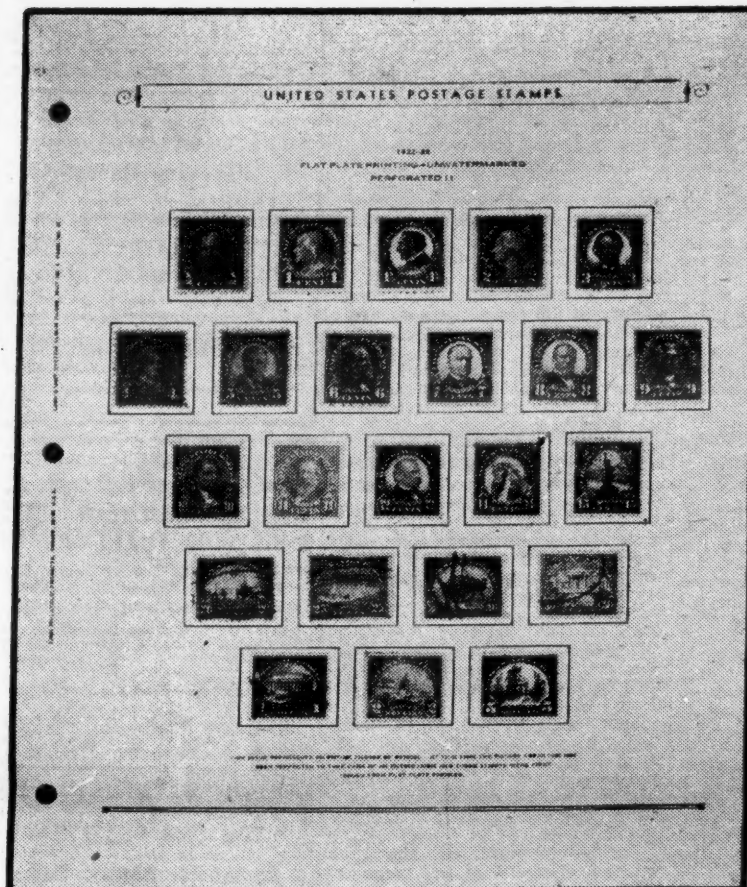
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